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FAST OFFERING COLLECTION PLAN AGAIN URGED

Since the uniform Church-wide Fast Offering and Welfare Contribution plan was adopted, stakes and wards following it have reported substantial progress. Many wards have more than doubled their collections.

Reports indicate, however, that some wards have not yet accepted the plan and are following other methods, some of which vary considerably from the official plan. It is desired that these old forms now be discontinued and that the new cards and envelopes be used. This new plan was adopted after a careful check had been made of the most successful methods in use over the Church. It was given careful consideration and finally approved.

Cards and envelopes were provided for every family in the Church and these were sent to bishops. Results have fully justified that action. Thousands of members of the Aaronic Priesthood, principally Deacons, have been brought into activity. A large number of homes from which contributions were never received are now contributing regularly; a complete record of the contributions of each family is immediately available; and a considerably increased sum of money is provided each month for use in the welfare work of the Church.

When the plan was announced, it was with the full approval of the First Presidency and was adopted as the official and authoritative plan for carrying on this important work. We see no reason why it should not be followed by every ward in the Church and urge that it be adopted without further delay by all wards which have not already put it into operation.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC.

BERKELEY CAMP, D.U.P. OPENS SEASON

Berkeley Daughters of Utah Pioneers met in their opening social and business meeting at the home of Rachel Ball on September 20. The next meeting is scheduled for October 16 at the home of Lucille Ream, 606 The Alameda.

COMING EVENTS

Friday, September 29—Opening Stake Party, "Barn Dance," Berkeley ward recreation hall.

Friday, October 6—Deseret Club party, Berkeley ward.

October 6, 7, 8—General Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Friday, October 13—Alameda entertains Elmhurst, Hayward, Oakland
Richmond entertains Berkeley, Oakland, Claremont.
Napa entertains Martinez, Vallejo, Pittsburg.
(Subject to modification.)

Friday, October 20—Stake Genealogical party.

Sunday, October 22—Stake Beehive program.

Friday, October 27—Stake adult party.

Friday, November 3—Claremont entertains Berkeley, Richmond, Oakland.
Hayward entertains Alameda, Elmhurst, Dimond.
Martinez entertains Vallejo, Pittsburg, Napa.
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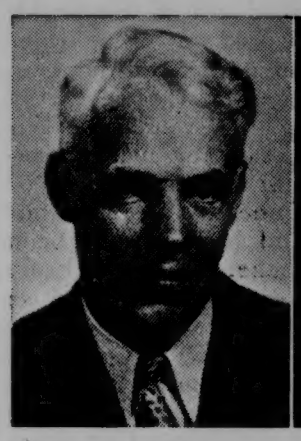
HIGH PRIESTS' QUORUM IS REORGANIZED



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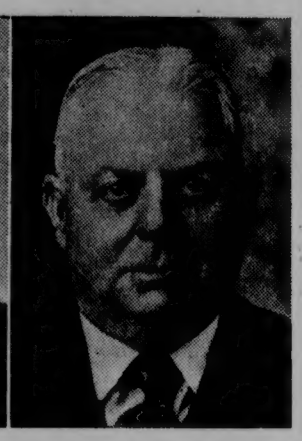

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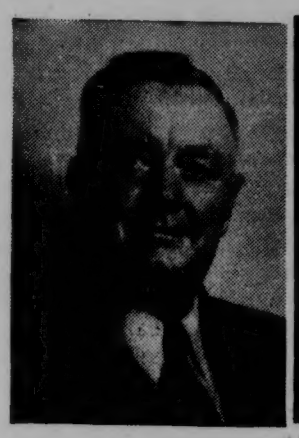

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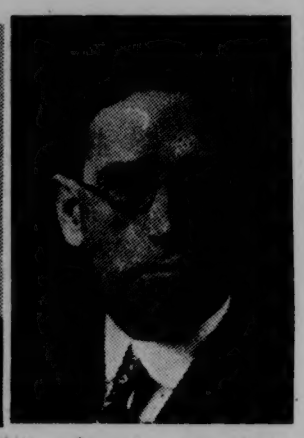

Secretary

President John C. Stirrat and his two counselors, Wm. F. Everett and Eugene B. Jacobs, were released as leaders of the High Priests' Quorum at the quarterly conference held September 2 and 3. Chosen to fill their places were George E. Southgate, president, Harry Fletcher and John G. Shields as his counselors. Later Elder Charles Mauer was also released as secretary and George DeForest Bennett chosen to succeed him.

Elder Southgate is not new in quorum work. For several years he served as secretary to the quorum, following which he was released to become assistant to the chairman of the Stake Genealogical Society. Elder Southgate, a native of Norwich, England, was born in 1887. Early in his life he became a member of the church. For a number of years he served as president of the Norwich branch. In 1920 he emigrated to Salt Lake City, where he was active in Sunday school and in the Elders' quorum presidencies of the 21st and Ensign wards. In 1931 he moved to Berkeley, and has been extremely active ever since. He has had a large part in the success of the various Temple pilgrimages this Stake has conducted. He is a tailor by trade.

Elder Harry Fletcher is a native of Texas. His father was a Confederate veteran. Harry entered the Dallas Military Academy when old enough, then became a member of the famous Texas Rangers. Later, he took to railroading and moved to California. Here he married Grace Horswill; they have five sons. In 1910 he went into the insurance business and in 1913 was transferred to Salt Lake City, as assistant superintendent of the Prudential Insurance

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RECREATION SEASON GETS OFF TO GOOD START

With the opening parties in all wards on Friday evening, September 12, the 1939-40 recreation season was successfully launched. A week later, on Friday, September 22, Elmhurst played host to Dimond, Hayward and Alameda; and Oakland entertained Berkeley, Richmond and Claremont. Following these, on September 29, while THE MESSENGER goes to press, will be the first Stake-wide party, a good, old-fashioned "barn dance" at the Berkeley recreation hall.

With the Stake growing by leaps and bounds and an ever increasing group of young folks, it has been the aim to provide more parties and better quality parties to bring these young people—and older ones as well—together. To accomplish this and at the same time keep the expense minimized, a grouping arrangement has been worked out. Schedule of events for the season was published in the September issue of THE MESSENGER. Hereafter the events of each month will be specially noticed on our front page.

In general supervision of the work are J. Oran Yorgason, second assistant superintendent of the Y. M. M. I. A., and Mrs. Lorna Birchall, second counselor in the Y. W. M. I. A. They will head the committee for Stake events, and will also give general supervision to the group parties. The wards themselves will organize committees to look after the detail of the group parties. These committees will come from ward M. I. A. boards. Each ward will have opportunity to play host to other wards of its group, and on top of this an inter-group exchange will be worked out which, in addition to the Stake parties, will serve to broaden contacts and acquaintances.

Expenses of group parties will be met by the wards under the budget plan, and tickets to

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WARDS FALL DOWN IN FAST OFFERING, MEETING ATTENDANCE

The month of August shows all wards of the Stake are low in the matters of fast offering and attendance at sacrament meeting. The quota on fast offerings with the year two-thirds gone, is 75 cents per capita, while the amount actually paid in was only 38 cents. Total attendance at sacrament meeting for the month was 957 out of a membership of 4671, or 20 per cent plus.

Following is the rating on wards separately, for August:

Ward	Fast Offering Per Capita	Sacrament Meeting Attendance	Total Membership
Alameda	$ .315	41	257
Berkeley	.47	120	621
Claremont	.46	74	404
Dimond	.44	189	702
Elmhurst	.66	102	713
Hayward	.505	80	288
Martinez	.21	43	229
Oakland	.59	104	671
Pittsburg	.23	50	188
Richmond	.26	57	261
Vallejo	.36	50	269
Napa	.104	47	68
Total average	.383	957	4671

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple."—Mal. 3:1.

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EDITORIAL

Elsewhere herein are published statistics of the standing of wards in fast offerings and sacrament meeting attendance for August.

With the year three-fourths gone and a quota of only 38 cents per capita reached, and the goal a minimum of $1.00, the showing on fast offering is disappointing. Only three wards are above the half-way mark—Elmhurst, Hayward and Oakland. None have reached the three-quarter mark, although Elmhurt is withing squinting distance of it with 66 cents. It will take some consistent, persistent effort to bring the showing up to a respectable figure before January 1.

The sacrament meeting attendance is equally disappointing. Only 20 per cent of the membership in attending the most important meeting of the Church. What is wrong? Is it the system? Is it the people? Is it the program?

THE MESSENGER has from time to time invited written comment and suggestion on this most important subject. We'd like to have your ideas. Maybe they'll help solve the problem. Obey that impulse and write us a note and tell us what *you'd* do to bring the people out.

RECREATION SEASON

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ward members who are participating in the plan, will be distributed. While these tickets will admit the holders to group parties, they will not be honored at Stake parties. The latter will be run separately as to finance and a charge collected at the door.

Special effort will be made to improve the tone and wholesomeness of all entertainments. Groups will be largely self-disciplining and will cooperate to uphold M. I. A. standards. Use of liquor and tobacco will not be tolerated. These things, fortunately, are not a serious problem with members of the church; and those inviting outside guests will be expected to see that they conform to the rules. Floor committees will be active also, to see that everyone has a good time in a proper way. There'll be something worth while doing somewhere in the Stake practically every week.

A rather serious problem exists as to group Number 3, comprising Martinez and Vallejo wards and Pittsburg and Napa branches. They are separated by the strait and are considerable distance apart. It has been decided tentatively that they shall be separated, Vallejo and Napa to work out their program together, and Martinez and Pittsburg likewise. Budget tickets from any of these places will be recognized in either of the other groups at any time.

MESSAGE OF THE STAKE PRESIDENCY

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

The Latter-day Saints should be a happy people. All our acts should reflect our joy in being the privileged partakers of the "Light that shineth in darkness." We should be known individually and as a people who exemplify the admonition of the Savior: "Rejoice and be exceeding glad." Despite occasional reverses, surely there is no people anywhere who are greater blessed than are we in the Oakland Stake.

We have been called out of the world. Everything we do should set us apart as a sincere, kindly and understanding people, alert and anxious always to truly serve our fellowmen. In rendering this service it is not necessary, or even desirable that we strive for flowery speech or polished pulpit manners. We are not trained ministers, and have always been taught that truth spoken from the heart is the acme of eloquence. Nevertheless we should ever strive to improve the quality of our service.

To this end we now make a special request of everyone who takes part in any way in our religious activities: LET YOUR PART BE THE VERY BEST YOU ARE ABLE TO MAKE IT. Cain's second-rate offering was not accepted, nor will ours be. We have undertaken to serve our Master "with all our hearts, might, mind and strength." So far as possible do as we are commanded: STUDY AND PREPARE YOURSELF. In music select that which is truly appropriate, in speaking develop one subject, do not wander, or make excuses. Refer frequently to the scriptures. Quote them. Speak on subjects which are of most ultimate worth to man. Speak out loud so that people may hear.

Especially do we ask that people who lead in prayer, priests who administer the sacrament, and elders who bless children, confirm members, etc., speak so that they may be heard. In all prayers say "We thank thee," not "we thank you." Use always the sacred form, thou, thine, etc. The ordinarily used "amen" with the long "a" is preferred at the close of a prayer, rather than the "Amen" form used in singing.

The Lord has said: "But with some I am not well pleased, for they will not open their mouths, but they hide the talent which I have given unto them, because of their fear of man." (Doc. & Cov. 60:2)

LET US EACH STRIVE TO PERFECT THE QUALITY OF OUR SERVICE.

Faithfully yours,
EUGENE HILTON.
W. GLENN HARMON.
CLYDE J. SUMMERHAYS.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR OCTOBER

Alameda: W. Glenn Harmon.
Berkeley: Clyde J. Summerhays.
Claremont: Claude F. Dewsnup, Leo Crandall.
Dimond: Delbert F. Wright, Grant Ellis.
Elmhurst: William J. Nielsen, Hugh P. Anderson.
Hayward: O. Leslie Stone, I. B. Ball.
Martinez: Ralph S. Barney, John G. Shields.
Napa: Don C. Wood, R. Kendall Thomas.
Oakland: Nathan G. Tolman, Wayne E. Mayhew.
Richmond: Victor C. Lindblad, Harry Fletcher.
Vallejo: Don J. Allphin, Oscar Fontana.
Pittsburg: Eugene Hilton.

MARTINEZ WARD BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW HOME

Ground breaking ceremonies were held Friday morning, September 22, on the site of the new chapel for Martinez ward. A large crowd was in attendance. President Clyde J. Summerhays represented the Stake presidency and spoke briefly. Mayor Claeys of Martinez, represented the civic authorities and also spoke. Bishop John T. Abbott turned the first spadeful of earth. The ceremonies were opened with "Come, Come ye Saints," sung by the congregation. Elder Andrew Easton offered the dedicatory prayer, and the services was concluded with the "Doxology."

Work will begin immediately and will be pressed to an early conclusion. It is planned to erect the recreation portion of the building as a first unit. It will cost approximately $12,000.00. It is expected that this will serve all purposes for a time until the chapel itself can be completed.

ENTIRE CHURCH BEHIND ANTI-LIQUOR CAMPAIGN

The fourth verse of Section 89 of the Doctrine and Covenants (The Word of Wisdom) combines a prophecy and a warning—a prophecy that "evils and designs . . . . will exist in the hearts of conspiring men" and a warning and forewarning against them.

This prophecy is being fulfilled today in an unmistakable manner. The warning has fully been justified but in some cases it has not been heeded.

The challenge of liquor and tobacco to this generation is so serious—the conspiracy against our young people particularly is so threatening—that our leaders have organized a Church-wide campaign intended to reach every Latter-day Saint home. Printed matter, Ward Teachers' Messages, personal visits by Relief Society Teachers, and other personal contacts have been used to arouse the entire Church to a realization of the seriousness of the situation facing the Church and its members.

Liquor and tobacco are two of the most vicious and destructive enemies of the Church. Yearly they take a toll of some of our very best blood. Those who use them, sooner or later, drop out of Church activity; and if they persist, they eventually lose the spirit of the gospel. Becoming victims of these vices, other transgressions usually follow to complete the downfall of the unfortunates.

Liquor and tobacco do not mix with spirituality. They are incompatible. They have nothing in common. "The spirit of God will not dwell in an unclean tabernacle."

Therefore, in waging a war against these enemies, we are fighting for the very souls of our young men and women. We are fighting to save some of the best blood of Israel. We are fighting for the Church.

This campaign which is being conducted under the direction of the First Presidency by a special committee, representing all the organizations of the Church, should have the complete and active cooperation of every bishopric and all Aaronic Priesthood officers and members. We should all assist in every possible way. We should encourage those who have taken up these habits in all kindliness. By example, as well as by precept, we should "avoid even the appearance of evil."

This is one of the most extensive and intensive campaigns ever undertaken by the Church. The seriousness of this problem has aroused our leaders. Every member of the Priesthood is especially urged to follow the suggestions and respond to calls of the Stake and Ward committees. To make the campaign a success, the entire Church must get behind it.

THE PRESIDING BISHOPRIC.

NEW STAKE DIRECTORY

With this issue of THE MESSENGER is being distributed a new and up-to-date directory of Stake and ward officials. This directory should be filed away for future reference.

WARD TEACHERS' MESSAGE FOR OCTOBER, 1939

The Two Great Commandments

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment.
And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.
—Matthew 22:37-40.

Most of the world's present ills are due to flagrant disregard of the two great commandments referred to by Jesus in such striking and forceful language. Most of the difficulties in nations, in communities, and in families arise from the same cause.

The first commandment alone should be sufficient as a guide to both divine and human relationships. A person who really loves the Lord never does anything to offend, to injure or oppress one of His children. Therefore, loving God, one would also love His children.

But because human beings are weak and at times thoughtless and forgetful, the second great commandment was given: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." This second admonition clearly was given to reinforce the first. With these two commandments as a guide, members of the human family, except for human weakness and temptation, should have been able so to order their lives that they would have happiness and prosperity in this life and salvation in the life to come.

But, again, an allwise Heavenly Father, knowing the weakness of the flesh, gave other commandments, all amplifying the first two and giving specific warning against the most common of human sins.

Latter-day Saints, having been given much light and great blessings, should strive to show appreciation for the goodness of the Lord by accepting as a guide in their lives and in their homes, the two great commandments. We, above all people, should love the Lord with all our hearts, our souls, and our minds. We should also love our neighbors, our brethren, and our sisters. This love should not only be acknowledged; it should be demonstrated. We should show our love by building His Kingdom, by living lives that will please Him, by sustaining His chosen servants, by helping each other, by kindness and consideration for the least of His children, the poor, the needy, the humble—in short, by living lives of true Latter-day Saints.

HIGH PRIESTS REORGANIZE

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Company. Here for the first time they came in close contact with Mormonism. It resulted in their joining the church in 1916. When the United States entered the World War, Elder Fletcher enlisted, saw service in France. He came back a regimental sergeant major, highest ranking non-commissioned officer in the service. One of his sons also served overseas, winning the Distinguished Service Cross. Elder Fletcher was a charter member of American Legion, and a delegate to its first national convention. The family returned to California in 1920, where he has been engaged in the insurance business, being affiliated with the Pacific Mutual. He has served in various church capacities, and for some time has had the supervision of the Aaronic priesthood work of Oakland ward.

Bishop John G. Shields, formerly father of Oakland ward, formerly a member of the high council, will bring to his new position a wealth of experience. Born in 1882, the eldest in a family of ten, he was reared on a farm, educated in Utah public schools and the L. D. S. College, served on a mission to the southern states, and then moved to California in 1921. Throughout his life he has been extremely active in church work.

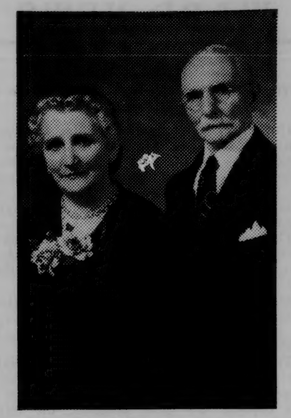
The new quorum secretary, George DeForest Bennett, is a native of Davis County, Utah, born in 1873. He has had a life jam-packed with service to his community and church. Retired on February 1, 1939, by his company, the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, he has traveled all over the west for it, and has had time to serve his church in nearly every auxiliary and from ward teacher to member of Stake presidency, with a mission to the southern states thrown in, and community service during the World War. He was married in 1903 to Eva C. Blood and they have four children. With his varied experience he will bring a vitality to his new position which will do much to keep the quorum on its toes.

MISSIONARIES IN WAR ZONE ARE SAFE

Parents of missionaries serving in the war zone of Europe were vastly relieved to learn that all is well with their sons. Several weeks passed following the outbreak of hostilities without a word, but on September 21st, President Hilton received telegraphic advice from the First Presidency to the effect that the missionaries had either been moved into neutral countries or were on their way home.

Dennis Lauper Returning Home

Elder LeRoy Weindorf of Dimond ward, who has been in German-Austrian mission, is en route home. Dennis Lauper, who has been in the Swiss-German mission, is scheduled to sail from Europe on September 21st or 26th. Exact date and name of ship is, of course, kept secret. Robert Kest, laboring in Holland, has not been moved, that country being neutral, thus far. Wendel Jackson is also staying on the job in Switzerland.



Mr. and Mrs. A. Goltz Caught at Battlefront

Perhaps one of the most exciting experiences of missionaries caught in the war zone, was that of Elder A. Goltz and his wife, who were serving on a mission in Southwestern Germany near the French border—the very area in which the French and Germans commenced their fighting. The Goltzes are residents of Salt Lake City, in the Millcreek ward of Cottonwood Stake. They have two daughters, Mrs. W. J. Berry and Mrs. J. Davison, and two sons, Milton L. Goltz and V. L. Goltz, who live in Oakland. For some five weeks these children had heard nothing from their parents. Finally they contacted the Danish consul and learned that their parents had sailed from Europe on August 28 on the *S. S. Manhattan*.

Now, well past their allotted three score and ten, the Goltzes have, all their lives, lived for their church. One of the leaders for many decades in his home community, Elder Goltz' live-long ambition had been to fill a mission in Enrope among the people where he was born. Only in October, 1938, did his life's dream become a reality, when he and his aging wife, with high hopes but young hearts, set sail for Belgium and Germany, where they soon became absorbed in their work. Indeed, so absorbed were they that they paid little attention to the threatening war clouds. They had implicit faith that the God they served would see them through all danger. When war broke out they were trapped at the very front—the only spot on the border where the combatting forces met hand to hand in the first days. It was by no means easy to get out, nor was it child's play to go through the mine fields of the Baltic and the North Sea, but their faith saw them through, and today they are rejoicing with their children in a happy reunion. They are now visiting in Oakland, where they will remain for some time.

Joe Roy Hilton, who was called to the German mission, has been reassigned to the western states and at present in laboring in Denver.

UNION MEETING CHANGES

M. I. A. union meetings during the coming season will be held the second Wednesday evening of each month at 7:45 in the Oakland chapel. Full attendance of ward and Stake officers is requested.

Aaronic Priesthood Committee union meeting will take place at 2:00 p. m. on the fourth Sunday of each month, Oakland chapel, instead of at 3:30 as hitherto.

SOME STARS VALUE HONESTY MORE THAN CASH

A big American tobacco trust is said to have received the following reply when it sought Sonja Henie's endorsement of cigarettes it manufactured: "I don't smoke. I won't take your $2500. I am ashamed of women who smoke. It is a disgraceful, filthy, degenerate habit. Good-bye!"—The Tempe *News*, Tempe, Arizona.

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WARD NEWS

ELMHURST WARD

Services Held at Chapel, 96th Avenue and Derby Street, Oakland

The Primary Asosciation, under the leadership of Mrs. Eva Hunter, held its annual homecoming on the evening of August 25. A splendid program was given by the members of the various classes, articles made by the association were on display and delicious refreshments were served.

The entire ward is very happy to welcome John G. Wimmer out again. Mr. Wimmer has been confined to his bed for several months by a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Elmer have recently returned to their home in Elmhurst after a visit of several weeks in Los Angeles with Mrs. Elmer's parents.

The Relief Society held its opening social for the season Tuesday afternoon, August 29. A large number of the members, and several visitors enjoyed the short program, the refreshments, and the friendly half-hour of visiting. President Arilda Holder is being assisted this year by Violet Smith as first counselor; Daisy Cox as second counselor, and Wanda Staley as secretary.

Bishop and Mrs. Horace J. McFarlane have been entertaining recently as house guests, Dorothy Snitzer and Phyllis Smout of Montpelier, Idaho.

A Sunday afternoon wedding ceremony in the beautiful setting of Harmony House united in marriage Miss Ann Applebury and Eldon Marchant, on August 27, Bishop Horace J. McFarlane officiating. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Marchant, the parents of the bridegroom. The young couple left for a short honeymoon in Oregon. They will make their home for the present in Alameda.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chadwick recently returned from a month's vacation in Seattle, Washington. While there they were guests of Mr. Chadwick's mother, who was a former member of Oakland Stake.

The opening social for the Mutual Improvement Association was held Tuesday, September 12. Dancing in the social hall followed a short, interesting program in the chapel. The large crowd in attendance showed a decided interest in the activities of the association for the season. Charles Stamps, assisted by Weston Johnson and Neuman P. Brown, with Ivan Pearson as secretary, will have charge of the Y. M. M. I. A., while the future of the Y. W. M. I. A. is dependent upon Laprele Moody, who will be assisted by Helene Brummet and Maurine Brimhall, with Mary Fishburn as secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Smith and family vacationed in Oregon and Idaho this summer, returning just in time for the opening of school. They were accompanied on their return trip by Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. Mary Behunin, of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Mrs. Behunin will spend several months in Oakland visiting with her two daughters, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Elma Moody.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Norton, their twin sons, Desmond and Raymond, and Robert Clark, all of Ogden, Utah, have been visiting in Oakland at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rolyat T. Cox.

The Primary Association officers gave a luncheon Friday afternoon, August 14, in honor of Mrs. Veda Mann, who is resigning from the primary after eight years of faithful service.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Darton recently spent a week at Santa Cruz, where they enjoyed a short vacation.

Miss Helene Brummet, teacher of the Church History class in Sunday School, entertained her group at her home on 105th Avenue, the occasion being a "Dime Fund" party. The youngsters enjoyed themselves immensely, and they have the honor of being the first class to turn in their Sunday School Dime Fund.

Gertrude Wood is back again after spending a month's vacation in Chicago and various cities of the East.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brush spent their vacation in Utah. While there they attended to their Temple ordinances and visited with relatives and friends.

A pre-nuptial shower was given Thursday, September 14, in honor of Miss Alina Smithen, who plans to be married in October. Mrs. White and the three sisters of Miss Smithen were hostesses for the occasion. A large crowd of friends were in attendance and the bride-to-be received many beautiful and useful gifts.

Elmhurst ward played host to the wards of Dimond, Hayward and Alameda in the first scheduled recreational event of the season on September 22. The dance was held in the social hall.

Lyle Cheney and Dorothy Vochatzer surprised their many friends by eloping to Reno Saturday night, September 16. The young couple had been engaged for some time, and were planning on being married about Christmas time.

Work on the new addition to Elmhurst chapel is about complete, and we extend an invitation to all to come out and see our new class rooms.

HAYWARD WARD

Services Held at 1070 B Street

Tuesday, September 12, saw the successful beginning of another Mutual year for Hayward ward.

The program was in the form of a radio broadcast and every Mutual officer and teacher participated. The remainder of the evening was spent in getting acquainted and dancing. A large crowd attended.

Relief Society officially opened its new term of meetings with a program and dance, sponsored by the outgoing and newly elected executives, Tuesday, September 7. Box lunches were prepared as refreshments of the evening.

Miss Louise Ethington of Mesa, Arizona, extended a vacation into a permanent residence and is working as Beekeeper in the Hayward Mutual.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice MacFadden and infant son, Allan, have just returned from several weeks' vacation in Idaho, where they were the guests of Mrs. MacFadden's parents.

New members of the ward include Kenneth Baysinger's family from Forrestdale ward, Granite Stake, and Ivy La Vo of San Francisco.

Wilford Webb and Clifford Johnston were set apart as first and second counselors, respectively, to the bishop of Hayward ward. The ceremony was performed by Apostle George Albert Smith during the recent conference.

ALAMEDA WARD

Services Held at Odd Fellows Hall, Corner Park St. and Santa Clara Ave., Alameda

The season's program of the Relief Society was launched on August 28. A splendid dinner was served to the members of the ward, and following dinner a very entertaining program was presented.

Max McBride was recently sustained as second counselor in the Young Men's Mutual, he replaces Theron Hatch, who with his family have moved to San Francisco.

Lillian Horman, who has served capably in the presidency of the young ladies M. I. A., has been released from her position. Edna Huish has been appointed as first assistant to fill this vacancy.

The officers of the M. I. A. conducted a very excellently arranged opening social on Monday the 11th of September. The theme for the evening being "A Night in Hawaii," with a dance and floor show. The hall was appropriately decorated, refreshments were served. This was the first party conducted under the new ward budget system.

Under the direction of Thys Winkel, the bishopric, members of the Scout Troop committee, and members of the Aaronic priesthood participated in a swimming party at Hayward Plunge on September 14.

The officers of the Primary entertained at a beach party and picnic for the teachers and children Saturday afternoon, September 16.

Violet Pinckney, who has been assistant in the presidency of the Primary, has been released from her position.

New appointments in the Primary organization are: Rosina B. Yeaman, as second assistant to President Vivian Schaefer; Alvida Odermatt, teacher of the Bluebirds; Marie Wilton as teacher of the Guides.

Miss Lucile Crandall was hostess at her home to a large group of friends at a prettily arranged shower honoring Miss Marjorie Leatham, a bride of this month.

Combining business with a vacation trip to Southern Utah, where he went to attend a family reunion, Thys Winkel of the Bishopric, met with M. O. Ashton of the Presiding Bishopric at Salt Lake City regarding the ward building program. The results of this conference have been discussed in recent sacrament meetings and we have all been stimulated to new enthusiasm to carry our program forward.

Friends of Mrs. Mabel Farr are happy to know she is recovering successfully from a major operation.

Those who have been visiting and vacationing away from Alameda recently, have been the following: Mrs. Wendell M. Jensen spent a pleasant week with relatives and friends in Salt Lake and other cities in Northern Utah; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pinckney visited over the week-end with Mr. Pinckney's parents in Sunny-

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vale; the Henry F. Seavers and the Willian N. Clayson families, accompanied by Miss Esther McRae, Miss Georgeanna Bockris and Miss Devorah Cross vacationed at Eel Rock on the Redwood Highway; the Leland C. Meuter family were camping and fishing in the Feather River Canyon; Mr. and Mrs. Leo H. Crandall, accompanied by their sons, Keith and Jerry to Yosemite; and MacThomas Yeaman spent his vacation at the Russian River.

And among those who have visited with relative and friends in Alameda are: Mrs. Blanche Eliason from Manti, Utah, with the Thys Winkels; Dr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Connor and family have been visiting with the Henry F. Seavers; Mrs. Ben Schaefer has had as her guest her niece, Miss Cleaine Daniels from Green River, Wyoming; the Dick Yeamans are at present enjoying the pleasant visits of Mr. Yeaman's mother, Mrs. M. Yeaman from Ogden, and Mrs. Yeaman's sister, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Probst and family, also from Ogden; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Radin from Chicago, have visited with the Ezra Evans family; visiting at the Donald Stevens home have been Mr. Stevens' father and sister, Mr. Ezra A. Stevens and Miss Duella Stevens from Provo; and vacationing at the Rulon H. Knowles home is Mr. Knowles father, Mr. R. Knowles from Idaho.

CLAREMONT WARD

Services Held at 2980 Adeline Street, Berkeley

Miss Willa Fullmer, sister of Mary Neilson, who has been here attending summer school at the University of California, returned to Idaho to resume teaching.

Mrs. Beatrice Woods visited three weeks with the Nielsons. She was here for the Fair and a vacation.

Mary and Frances Nielson had charge of the music for a three-day convention of the Pensioners State Senators and many important officials were present.

Mrs. Maureen Carr returned from Los Angeles, where she spent a month's vacation with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heder.

The girls' chorus of Claremont ward gave a shower for Miss Minnie Gain, September 21.

The opening Mutual party was given on September 12. An entertainment, which included the girls' chorus, was enjoyed by all. One of the largest groups ever to attend Claremont ward, ate apple pie and ice cream and danced following the program.

Robert Prout of Ogden, is here now attending the University of California. Mrs. Prout remained in Ogden.

Mrs. Lucy Thomson gave a shower September 20 for Miss Minnie Gain. It was held at Miss Gains' home. Friends of both Claremont and Oakland wards attended and surprised her with not only gifts, but stocked her pantry with its necessities.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Stephens of Henefer, Utah, are here for the winter, staying with their daughter, Miss Margaret Stephens.

The marriage of Miss Minnie Gain and Elder Clifford Baglev, took place September 21st in the Salt Lake Temple in Utah. Elder Bagley returned a short while back from a mission in England. They were engaged to be married before he went on his mission.

Mrs. Ignacia Perry, mother of Dorothy Perry, returned from Inverness, Marin County, where she was working during the summer.

When Hazel Butcher returned from Salt Lake, she brought with her Verne Bingham, her brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Owens returned to Claremont ward from Visalia, where they have been living this last six months. Mr. Owens is a former member of the Bishopric.

Helen Clovis, president of the Y. L. M. I. A., has been in Los Angeles visiting relatives.

Claremont ward is very happy in its new home, the Ashby Hall. Due to the difficulty in locating it, the directions are as follows: On the west side of Adeline, just where Ashby ends. We are proud to invite all members to our meetings.

Lenore Woods, president of the Relief Society, introduces as her new officers, Clara Gleason, first counselor; Druzella Stout, second counselor, and Hazel Butcher, secretary. The new teachers are, Margaret Owens, literary teacher; Lorna Birchall, social service, and Mariam Ellsworth, theology teacher.

James Kay, released as Sunday School superintendent, and Bryant Knowlton, has been sustained as superintendent.

Bryant Knowlton was released as lesson counselor and Gordon Jones is the new counselor.

Gordon Jones is released from the ward welfare committee and Stanley Carr is to take his place.

Stanley Carr is to be released as the Priest supervisor.

Boice Carr has been released as ward chorister and James Kay is to be the new chorister. Mr. Kay is going to start a ward choir.

William Bowen Thomas and Rae Halftead were married by Bishop Reed Chase, September 2. The wedding was held at Bishop Chase's home.

VALLEJO WARD

Meet at 2010 Marin Street, Vallejo

C. C. Lewis and family, accompanied by Nettie Truman, have returned from a delightful trip to Utah. While there they visited the Salt Lake Temple and Yellowstone Park.

Vallejo ward is happy to receive as new members, Mr. and Mrs. Whelan and sons, who were former members of Richmond ward. Mrs. Whelan is active in the Mutual and the boys are already interested in Aaronic priesthood work.

September 12 the Primary held their homecoming social at the church house. An interesting program was rendered after which refreshments were served.

The Mutual opened their fall season with a back-to-school party Saturday evening, September 16.

The officers and teachers presented a comic skit, "School Days," which was enjoyed by all. Dancing and a box lunch concluded a delightful evening.

Sunday, September 17, we were pleased to welcome William Nielson of the Stake board, who was our speaker at the sacrament meeting.

DIMOND WARD

Services Held in Chapel at 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland

The September meeting of the Primary officers and teachers was held the evening of September 27, at the home of Nita Van Noy. A special class demonstration was given by Rose Clarke; the remainder of the evening was turned into a social honoring two released teachers, Leona Sprague and Chloe Call. The teachers replacing them are Rose Weiland and Emma Mathison.

The new Mutual officers are Lucille Morgan Schow, president; class leaders and assistants, Elaine Kimball, Hazel Segerstedt, Peggy Lewis, Effie Gibbs, Viola Lauper, June Smith, Viola Maynard and Lorraine Miller.

Ruth Weindorf and Douglas Swanson have announced their engagement, the wedding to take place early in December.

September 22 the Mutual officers sponsored the first party of the season which proved to be a very successful affair, with a larger group of young people in attendance than ever before.

Eugene Hilton, who just returned from a German mission, is now attending the B. Y. U. at Provo, Utah; his brother, Joe Roy, is laboring in the Western states with headquarters at Denver, Colorado.

Dorothy Nethercott just returned from a vacation in Los Angeles and Hollywood.

The Senior Book of Mormon Class of more than thirty young people enjoyed a picnic at Castle Rock Park, Saturday evening, September 23.

John and Madge Morgan recently returned from a two weeks' trip through Idaho.

Ken and Alice Everett spent their three weeks' vacation viewing the grandeur of the Grand Canyon, Boulder Dam, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon. They spent some time in Ogden and Mrs. Everett's sister, Marjorie Malan, returned with them.

The Relief Society activities are well under way for the coming year; the September officers' meeting was held at the home of President Shurtliff, Friday, September 22. Two new officers are Jessie Booth and June Smith. A food sale is being planned for October 14, to be held in the Dimond business district, the proceeds to be added to the Relief Society funds. On October 31 a surprise shower is planned; watch for further announcements.

In connection with Relief Society work, the new Family Relations group, especially designed for young mothers, is to be held the second Wednesday evening of each month. The class leader is June Weindorf Smith.

BERKELEY WARD

All Services Held at Chapel, Corner Vine and Walnut Streets, Berkeley

The Berkeley M. I. A. held its opening party Saturday evening, September 16, in the Berkeley recreation hall. Besides the entertainment, which included a dance by Marjorie Evans, and the presentation of the new M. I. A. dance by several couples, dancing and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

The Berkeley Relief Society held its opening meeting the first Thursday of the month. Continuing this year as president of the organization will be Mrs. Hannah L. Richards, with La Ree Tolman and Charlotte Cummings as counselors.

A homecoming party was held by the Primary Association on September 9 in honor of Mrs. Minnie Smith, past president of the organization. Primary presidents of many years back were present, along with the girls who were in Mrs. Smith's first primary class. As a token of their appreciation, the primary children presented Mrs. Smith with a glass candelabra.

The new charter and constitution of the Deseret Club was presented to the membership on Sunday evening, September 10, by the new club president, Marion Redford. The first club social was held Thursday, September 21, in the form of a swimming and dancing party at the

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Rod and Gun Club. The club is desirous of having all university students active in it.

Preston Ericksen was elected as president of Lambda Delta Sigma group. Others who will serve as officers include Marion Johnson, Thelma Bingham, Anna Lea Lloyd, Phil Bean and Dale Barlow.

The Berkeley Sunday School has instigated a new plan for the Sunday morning service. For the first half hour of the morning the priesthood and girls' genealogical class will meet, after which regular Sunday School services will be held. It is hoped that all ward members will cooperate in this new plan.

The Berkeley ward choir is continuing in its work this year under the leadership of Seth Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd, who has had a great deal of experience in this work, is taking the place of W. King Driggs, who has gone to Los Angeles. Karlton Driggs is continuing as organist for the group.

A luncheon was given on September 13 by the Relief Society officers to the group's visiting teachers, to encourage them in their work for the coming year.

Nellie Noall, of Berkeley, left September 5 on the *President Taft* for an extended trip to Hawaii, Japan and China. She will be gone until the first of next year. Several parties were given for Miss Noall before her departure.

Betty Inez and Iris Tennant have returned to their home in Idaho after a summer's vacation with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson of Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson are taking a vacation, motoring through the Northwest. They will spend some time at Lake Louise and Banff, returning via Salt Lake City for the October General Conference.

OAKLAND WARD

Services Held at Chapel, Corner Moss Avenue and Webster Street, Oakland

The Relief Society held their opening party Tuesday, September 12. A fine program was presented. Mrs. Lethe Tadje gave a series of readings, which was followed by refreshments.

Friday, September 15, the ward gave a dancing party. A contest was held for the families of the ward, featuring all words that could be formulated out of the words, "Oakland Ward Budget." The first prize was won by Le June Larson, with 2584 words, the second prize by Louis Johnson, with 2500 words, and the third prize by Leon Polson, with 2300 words. Tap dancing and a musical program was furnished by the City School of Music.

Rebecca Nethercott, who has been ill for some time, is at the present time confined in the Highland Hospital for a few days of observation.

Mrs. Grace Fletcher and Mrs. Rose Ogden, gave a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Fletcher, in honor of Althia Stoddard, September 8.

Evelyn Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elliott, was married Monday, September 11, to Robert Campbell. Mr. Campbell is with the navy on the U. S. S. *Vestal*. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are living in San Pedro.

The Junior Genealogical class will start their season's classes under the direction of Bishop John G. Shields, Sunday evening, September 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Elliott.

Mrs. Mary Jones and daughter, Ruth Wilson, motored to Mariposa for the week-end, to visit Mrs. Jones' son and family.

Mrs. Maud Crossman, from Dallas, Texas, and Mrs. Olga McLame from Mercedes, Texas, were visiting their brother, Harry Fletcher, and Mrs. Fletcher the first part of September. It has been 40 years since Mr. Fletcher's last visit with his sister, Olga. Mr. Fletcher also had his niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Worth and son, from Los Angeles, visiting them.

The ward teachers have adopted the first Wednesday of every month to go teaching. They would like all ward members to keep this evening open to receive the teachers.

Friday evening, September 22, the Oakland ward was host to the Claremont, Berkeley and Richmond wards at a dancing party, held in the Oakland ward recreation hall.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS:

To Mr. and Mrs. Jesse R. Farr, Berkeley, a son.
To Mr. and Mrs. Leon Baer, Berkeley, a son, September 21.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Myron Telford, Vallejo, a daughter, August 31.

ORDINATIONS:

Phillip Humphreys, Dimond, priest.
Eugene F. Humphreys, Dimond, teacher.

MARRIAGES:

Clifford Bagley and Minnie Gain, Claremont, September 21, in Salt Lake Temple.
Robert D'Archy and Marion Myers, Oakland, September 10.
Robert Campbell and Evelyn Elliott, Oakland, September 11.
William Bowen Thomas and Rae Halfstean, Claremont, September 2, in Oakland.
Ulysses Emil Ford and Marie Henrietta Fernandes, by President Eugene Hilton, September 22.
William Wells Palmer and Marion Louise Eldridge, Dimond, September 16.
Richard F. Melsome and Louise Groat, Dimond, September 17.

MARTINEZ WARD

Services Held at 1022 Thompson Street, Martinez

The George Barber family of Concord have returned from Utah, where they spent four weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson have returned from their vacation, spent with relatives in the northern part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Foulk recently enjoyed a vacation trip to Yosemite Valley, Death Valley and Boulder Dam.

Also back from their vacation is the Sant family of Concord.

Recent visitors at the W. B. Knowles home were Miss Ethelyn Knowles of Logan, Utah, who is a niece of Mr. Knowles; and Miss Norma Hamilton and Miss Ruth Bower of Salt Lake City. Miss Hamilton is a niece of Mrs. Knowles.

The opening party of the Relief Society was held August 31. A lovely chicken dinner was served to 75 people. And a feature of the evening was a surprise on Andrew Easton who was recently released from the bishopric. A fine program was given and Mr. Easton was presented with a beautiful rocking chair from members of the ward.

The opening Mutual party was held September 12 at Rankin Park. This was in the nature of a "hobo" party and "mulligan stew" was cooked over the fire and then served to the guests. Mr. Paul Barrus was awarded first prize for best costume. Regular Mutual class work started September 19.

Mrs. Hazel James and Mrs. Florence Robison entertained the ladies of the Relief Society at a party at Mrs. James' home in Crockett. Thirty were present.

The primary superintendency is being reorganized this year, with Valentine Dahlin as president and Geneva Wanlass and Irene Anderson as assistants. Hattie Vom Dorp has been added as a teacher.

We welcome Mrs. Maria Easton and her son, John, of Kemmerer, Wyoming, into our ward. They have recently moved here to make their home. They are mother and brother of Andrew Easton.

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